

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 7/25/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29 and 32-36.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 3/22/01 and 1/5/2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date April 2, 2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


CHRISTINE T. TU
Primary Examiner

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention pertains a data processing device and a method thereof. The prior arts of records do not teach a data processing device and a method thereof comprising the features of creating a P-byte error correcting code PI for each row in a plurality of rows of data, one row containing N bytes, and adding the error correcting code PI to the row, storing the error correcting code PI added data in a first area, and correcting errors in each row using the error-correcting code PI added to each row before reading and transmitting the stored data. In addition, the prior arts of record do not teach a data processing device and a method thereof comprising the features of when an error correcting code PI added collective data block containing $(K \times M \times (N + P))$ bytes and an error correcting code PO block containing $(S \times (N + P))$ bytes are transmitted or read from a recording medium and received, the collective data block being such that a P byte error correcting code PI is added to each row of the collective data block putting together K data blocks composed of $(M \times N)$ bytes in M rows X N columns and containing $(K \times (M \times N))$ bytes, and the error correcting code PO block being such that an S-byte error correcting code PO is created for each column of the collective data block included error correcting code PI block, performing a first error correcting process on error data bytes in the collective data block on the basis of the error correcting codes PI and Po by use of a second memory; and performing a row error correcting process on the data subjected to the first correcting process, on the basis of the error correcting code PI by use of a first

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memory. Hence, the prior arts of record do not anticipate nor render obvious the claimed inventions. Thus claims 1-29 and 32-36 are allowable over the prior arts of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine T. Tu whose telephone number is (571)272-3831. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur. 8:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571)272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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